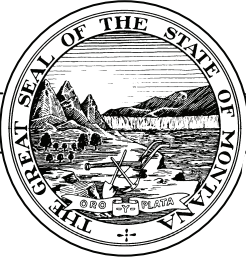


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Representative Ray Hawk
Chairman, Joint Appropriation Subcommittee
on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice
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Dear Chairman Hawk:

As per your request I am providing you with a document that identifies draft measurable goals and objectives that the agency will consider and discuss with the Montana Public Defender Commission and the Office of Budget and Program Planning. This document addresses the LFD concern that the agency did not identify items that were measurable.

Agency staff would be pleased to discuss these items with you and the members of your subcommittee and would appreciate any feedback that you may offer. If I can provide any further information, please call me at 406-496-6084.

Sincerely,

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cc: Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division
Brent Doig, Budget Analyst for the Office of Budget and Program Planning
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Steve Nardi, Vice Chairman, Montana Public Defender Commission
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MEASURABLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FOR

Presentation to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Judicial Branch, Law
Enforcement, and Justice

1. The Montana Public Defender Commission shall meet at least four times per year to review the operations of the Office of the State Public Defender (OPD).
2. OPD shall track the outcome of cases.
3. OPD shall track the length of time between a case's opening and closing.
4. OPD shall report on the average cost per case type.
5. OPD shall perform performance evaluations on staff attorneys.
6. OPD shall perform proficiency determinations on contract counsel.
7. OPD shall require not less than 25 CLE credits per attorney.
8. OPD management shall monitor attorney caseloads to assure that if they exceed 150 units the attorney is spending adequate time on clients' cases.